

REMARKS

The most recent Office Action mailed June 18, 2007 ("*Office Action*") considered claims 1, and 27-46, of which claims 1, 27, and 41 are independent.

The *Office Action* rejected claims 1, 27-29, 32-33, 38, 41, and 45 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,415,191 to Pryor ("*Pryor*").

In addition, the *Office Action* objected to claims 30-31, 34-37, 39-40, 42-44, and 46 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but otherwise indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, Applicants herewith cancel claim 46 without prejudice, and amend claims 1 and 27 to reflect the limitations of allowable dependent claim 46.

In addition, Applicants herewith add new independent claims 47-57, which include the limitations of previously presented independent claim 27 and the limitations of the allowable dependent claims. For example, new claim 47 includes the limitations of claims 27 and 30, new claim 48 includes the limitations of claims 27 and 31, new claim 49 includes the limitations of claim 27 and 34, and new claim 50 includes the limitations of claim 27, and 34-35. In addition, new claim 51 includes the limitations of claims 27 and 36, new claim 52 includes the limitations of claims 27, and 36-37, new claim 53 includes the limitations of claims 27 and 39, and new claim 54 includes the limitations of claims 27 and 39-40. Furthermore, new claim 55 includes the limitations of claims 27-42, new claim 56 includes the limitations of claims 27 and 42-43, and new claim 57 includes the limitations of claims 27, 42, and 44.

As such, claims 1, 27-45, and 47-57 are now pending, all of which Applicants respectfully submit are in condition for prompt allowance as incorporating or otherwise depending from allowable subject matter.

In the event that the Examiner finds impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 18th day of October, 2007.

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